26 Administrative Adjustments ("FPAAs") issued by Respondent. Those six cases were assigned to

27 | the Hon. Vaughn Walker (the "Walker Petitions") and are captioned as follows:

a. Sill Strategic Investment Fund LLC, et al. v. Untied States of America, N.D. Cal., Case No. C-04-4964-VRW;

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- b. Olympus Strategic Investment Fund LLC, et al. v. United States of America, N.D. Cal., Case No. C-04-4399-VRW;
- c. Sanford Strategic Investment Fund LLC, et al. v. United States of America, N.D. Cal., Case No. C-04-4398-VRW;
- d. Princeton Strategic Investment Fund LLC, et al. v. United States of America, N.D. Cal. Case No. C-04-4310-VRW;
- e. Belford Strategic Investment Fund LLC, et al. v. United States of America, N.D. Cal. Case No. C-04-4309-VRW; and
- f. Shasta Strategic Investment Fund, LLC, et al. v. United States of America, N.D. Cal. Case No. C-04-4264-VRW.
- 2. Six other petitions were filed on behalf of the same parties in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Texas Petitions"). The Texas Petitions were consolidated under the caption *In re Partnership Adjustments*, Case No. H-04-3886, and were stayed and administratively closed on January 7, 2005, pending the resolution of the suits filed in this Court.
- 3. The subject matter of the Walker Petitions is the same as that raised in the Consolidated Petition presently before this Court. In each case, the Petitioners challenge the adjustments made by the Internal Revenue Service in 69 separate FPAAs. The factual issues and legal questions are substantially similar for all 69 FPAAs and the Petitioners anticipate that similar discovery will be required.
- 4. The Walker Petitions were jointly heard at a Case Management Conference on March 8, 2005. At that time, counsel for Petitioners requested that those six cases be consolidated for administrative purposes. Counsel for the Respondent did not object. On March 11, 2005, Judge Walker issued an Order consolidating those six cases for administrative purposes. The Order specified that *Shasta Strategic Investment Fund, LLC, et al. v. United States of America*, N.D. Cal. Case No. C-04-4264-VRW, would be the lead case.
- 5. Also at the March 8, 2005 Case Management Conference, the parties discussed the filing of the additional 63 FPAA challenges, which constitute the subject matter of this case. The Court and parties agreed that a single, consolidated petition should be filed to conserve time

1	and resources. As a result, on March 17, 2005, Presidio and 63 strategic investment funds filed
2	the Consolidated Petition challenging Respondent's adjustments made in the 63 FPAAs at issue.
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